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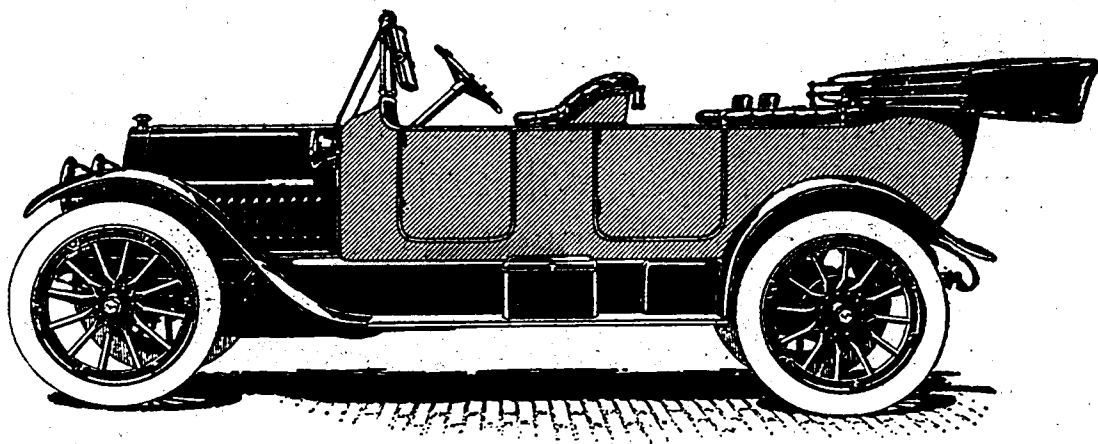
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This is the last week of our Mid-Winter Mark-Down Sale. It closes Saturday Night, March 8. We have many good Bargains left in Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Trousers.

MEN'S SUITS		MEN'S OVERCOATS	
Balance of our stock of Suits		Every Fancy Overcoat Marked Down	
\$10.00 Suits for this sale.....	\$7.47	\$10.00 Overcoats for this sale.....	\$7.47
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\$18.00 Suits for this sale.....	\$13.47	\$18.00 Overcoats for this sale.....	\$12.47
\$20.00 and \$22.00 Suits for this sale	\$15.47	\$20.00 Overcoats for this sale.....	\$14.47
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\$1.50 Pants for this sale.....	\$1.15	\$3.50 Knickerbocker Suits for this sale	\$2.47
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\$2.50 Pants for this sale.....	\$2.00	\$5.00 Knickerbocker Suits for this sale	\$3.47
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### LITTLETON.

**News Items.**  
A concert of instrumental and vocal music will be given by the Groton School orchestra, under the auspices of the Congregational club, in the town hall on Wednesday evening, March 12, at 7:45. The program will consist of orchestral music, violin solos and duets, french horn duet, etc. Tickets may be obtained from Rev. H. L. Packard or at J. P. Thacher's Littleton depot.  
Hilding Neilson, whose family has been living in the Harwood tenement house, has moved into the Patrick McGovern house on King street.  
Frank Durg and family, of West Acton, have moved into the George Hutchinson house on King street, where they will live while he works on the woodlots in the North End, recently purchased by A. F. Blanchard.  
Mrs. Lawrence has been visiting friends in Swampscott and Lynn the past week.  
Mrs. Harrison L. Packard has spent the week in Clinton with her sister, Mrs. Speed, whose infant son is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.  
Mrs. George Gardner, of New Bedford, contemplates taking a trip to California in the immediate future, and will visit her son Hartwell, and other relatives in the state.  
Died on March 4, in Worcester, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John L. Sewall, Mrs. Catherine S. M. Hartwell, widow of Shattuck Hartwell, of Littleton, in her ninetieth year. Funeral services were held in the Congregational church, Littleton, on Friday afternoon, March 7, and interment was in the family lot in Westlawn cemetery.  
Herbert Whitcomb attended the Glee club concert at Mt. Ida seminary on last Saturday evening.  
Mrs. Newton, of Brewster, widow

of a former Unitarian minister in Littleton, has been spending the winter at the Franklin Square house in Boston.  
Mrs. J. W. Winkley, widow of another of our Unitarian ministers, fell down the cellar stairs of her home recently and lacerated her scalp, necessitating several stitches and further aid of her physician. She is making satisfactory recovery.  
Thomas Blodgett, of Whitcomb avenue, is confined to the house and gets about only by the aid of crutches. Last week, as he was at work in the woods, a log fell upon the heel of his foot, already weakened by the weight of a cake of ice which he dropped on his ankle a few days previous. His condition improves slowly.  
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Copper on Tuesday, March 4. At the regular meeting of Loyal Order of Moose lodge, I. O. O. L. M. U., held Monday evening, three candidates were initiated by the degree staff, assisted by a real, live goat who caused lots of amusement by his antics. At the close of the meeting friends of the members were admitted and light refreshments were served. The goat came in for his share, but he did not seem to think so for he was afterwards discovered trying to eat the piano. A short program, consisting of a duet by Emily Sawyer and Elsie Whitney; song, Herbert E. Whitney; song, Emily Sawyer. Each piece received an encore. Elsie Whitney accompanied at the piano in a very efficient manner. An interesting evening was brought to a close by all joining in singing, "America."  
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gregory, Mrs. G. W. Prouty, Mrs. E. P. Wilcox, J. Harold Remick, Daisy Alward, Mr. Lund, Mrs. Wallace Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Somes, Samuel Holmes and Mrs. Katherine K. Fisher received the first and second degrees at the grange Wednesday, the ladies' degree staff working the second degree.

Miss Callahan has been promoted to a large field in her agency for Larkin Company and Miss Gladys Woodbury has taken her place here.  
Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy, of Ayer, played most artistically a piano selection at the grange meeting on Friday in the absence of Mrs. Kimball whose name was on the program. Mrs. Christie accompanied the vocal soloists, Mr. Cook and Mr. Chapman.  
Mr. and Mrs. Gardner W. Prouty started Thursday morning for their annual vacation and outing in New York and Atlantic City. They expect to be absent from home two weeks.  
Henry O. Burnham passed away Thursday morning after a sickness of about three weeks. Funeral services will be held at his late home Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.  
**Grange.**  
The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange met with the local grange in town hall here Thursday, March 6, when the following program was enjoyed by a good representation from this and other towns, included in the organization: Welcome, Charles A. Kimball, master of Littleton grange; response; piano solo, Mrs. James D. Christie; song, "No golden harvest"; "Are doctors more useful than lawyers?" John Wright; "Should idleness be forbidden by law and work be produced by the state for all who cannot secure employment for themselves," F. A. Patch; solo, "Face to face," Miss Dora Bailey, Groton; speaker, E. E. Chapman, overseer Massachusetts state grange; Demonstrations in grafting fruit trees, A. R. Cummings, Shirley Center; "The sunny side of farm life," Mrs. John Wright; "The shady side of farm life," Mrs. George Cash; song, "Beautiful grange"; original poem, Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer, Groton; cornet solo, Cornelius Dalley; paper, S. Luella Parker, Pepperell; song, G. A. Cook; song, E. E. Chapman, overseer Massachusetts state grange.

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\$20.00 Fur Coats reduced to.....	\$15.47	Balance of our Winter stock of Suits. Not many of a kind, but all sizes in something.	
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All our 50c. Fleece Lined Underwear, in single or double breasted, now.....	39¢	One lot Men's 44-inch Overcoats, with Velvet Collars, Odd Coats, values from \$8.47 to \$15.00, sizes 33 to 40, reduced to.....	\$5.00
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		One lot of Queen Quality, Mayfair and A. F. Smith make of shoes for Women, in Kid, Patents and Gun Metal, regular \$3.00 and \$3.50 goods, now go for.....	\$1.98
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BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS		WINTER CAPS	
\$5.00 Coats now reduced to.....	\$3.47	Every Winter Cap at a Cut Price.	
\$7.00 Coats now reduced to.....	\$5.00	50c. Caps for Men and Boys.....	39¢
\$8.50 Coats now reduced to.....	\$6.47	75c. Caps for Men.....	50¢
\$10.00 Coats now reduced to.....	\$7.47	\$1.00 Caps for Men.....	79¢
\$3.00 Coats now reduced to.....	\$1.98	\$1.25 and \$1.50 Caps for Men.....	\$1.00
\$3.50 Coats now reduced to.....	\$2.89	\$1.50 Fur-trimmed Caps.....	\$1.00
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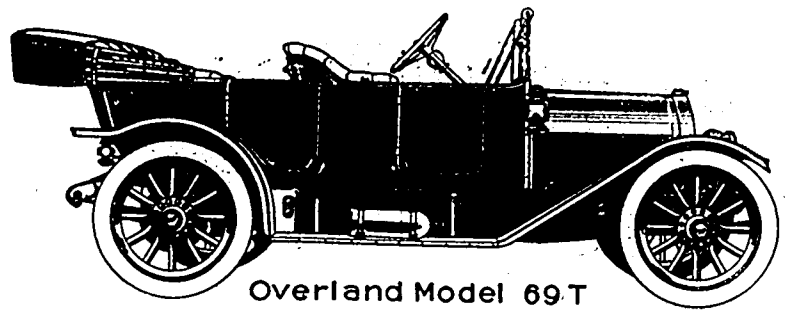
PEPPERELL.

Wright's. Groton, where she has been serving in her duties as nurse for the past two weeks. Mrs. Lillian Stevenson has returned to her home in Groton from Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence's, where she has been employed as housekeeper during Mrs. Lawrence's absence. Miss Barbara Bancroft spent Sunday at home. There will be a dance on Friday evening at the hall of the Oak Hill Improvement society on Boynton street.

association at Bedford, and was left at the death of the other three. "Music day" in the calendar of Prudence Wright chapter has been changed from March 21 to March 14. The committee in charge are Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Blake. Meeting at 2.30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Tarbell. D. A. R. members please take notice. An Easter sale of useful and fancy articles by the L. S. C. Branch Alliance will be held on Thursday afternoon, March 13, at the home of Mrs. John Frossard on Cross street. Candy table and afternoon tea among the attractions.

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The annual town meeting will be held on Monday, March 31. There is considerable interest in candidates for town officers already. The ladies of the Unitarian society will serve the dinner in lower town hall on March 31. Rev. William I. Nichols, former pastor of the Unitarian church, and for several years located in New York, has discontinued his services there and for a few months past has been living in the old homestead in Cambridge. Mrs. George A. Kimball, of Arlington, has returned home from the hospital and is slowly recovering from her long illness.

The Woman's club "at home," is next on the club calendar, and will be held on Monday afternoon, March 10, with Mrs. Dorothy Hardy as hostess. The former "at homes" have been among the brightest and the best and there is every reason to believe that Monday's program will be no exception to the rule. Work bags will be in order as it is to be an "at home" afternoon. Benjamin Conant, Harvard '13, spent last Sunday with his home people. Mrs. Fred C. Hartwell spent last Saturday and Sunday with her home people in Hillsboro, N. H.

A citizens' caucus was held in the town hall on Monday evening and a large representation of the voters attended. The meeting was called to order and the call was read by the chairman of the town committee, H. Tittcomb. N. H. Whitcomb and Osman Needham were appointed as tellers. Charles A. Kimball was chosen chairman, and Charles F. Johnson secretary of the caucus. The following nominations for office were made: Charles A. Kimball, town clerk; Nahum H. Whitcomb, George W. Whitcomb, Alexander H. McDonald, selectmen and overseers of the poor; Nelson B. Conant, assessor 3 yrs.; Charles F. Johnson, water commissioner 3 yrs.; and municipal light board 3 yrs.; Charles W. Hunt, treasurer; and collector of taxes; Fred C. Hartwell, highway surveyor; Fred A. Hosmer and Edwin H. Priest, auditors; Fred C. Reed, Albert E. Hopkins, constables; Rev. W. C. Brown, school committee 3 yrs.; Miss Fannie A. Sanderson, trustee Reuben Hoar library 3 yrs.; Nelson B. Conant, cemetery commissioner, 3 yrs.; Daniel H. Woodbury, board of health 3 yrs.; Albert E. Hopkins, tree warden; Charles A. Kimball, Nelson B. Conant, Charles F. Johnson, town committee 1914.

Mission Study Meeting. The mission study class of the Congregational church met with Mrs. V. T. Esten Wednesday afternoon, and nineteen ladies were present. In the absence of the president, the vice-president, Miss Elizabeth Houghton, presided. After several matters of business had received attention by the secretary's report had been read, and accepted the following excellent program, relating to the Chinese church was given under the direction of Mrs. Nelson B. Conant: Devotions, Mrs. Elizabeth Houghton; The annual report of the Chinese Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism, compared

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LITTLETON.

The Boys' class of the Baptist Sunday school and their teacher, Mrs. Elmar A. Flagg, met at the parsonage on last week Wednesday evening and enjoyed an hour or more of games. Refreshments were served and some matters of business received attention. A name was decided upon, and hereafter the boys will be known as the Franklin class. A flock of blackbirds arrived in town last week. The robins seem to have chosen the adjoining towns, since correspondents north and west of us reported their arrival several weeks ago. Margaret Conant spent a part of her vacation last week at her brother Ralph's new home in Watertown. Mrs. John Lemley made a brief visit with her relatives in town on Sunday, coming Saturday evening

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He said there is a demand in Pepperell for a street railway to Fitchburg, and he firmly believes that if such a road is built the merchants of Fitchburg will be greatly benefited. Fitchburg and Leominster company stated that he stood ready to extend the Lunenburg line into Townsend provided the business men of that place subscribed \$25,000 in stock to assist in financing it. The sum of \$12,000 was asked and now that the chances look extremely bright for the new road this year, it is probable that this amount will be increased by several thousand more. Although no statement by officials

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